

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 1-3, 8-10 and 12 are allowed. Claims 4-6 are currently amended to correct typographical errors. Claim 6 is also amended to include the language suggested by Examiner Aulakh to clarify what was meant by the term "utilizing". Accordingly, the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections have been obviated. No new matter has been entered.

Claims 7 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of written description with respect to use of the claimed compounds in oxidic layer systems (Office Action, pg 2, para 4). Applicants respectfully point out that the specification states:

"The rylene dyes I according to the invention have outstanding suitability for homogeneous coloring of high molecular weight organic and inorganic materials, especially, for example, of plastics, in particular thermoplastics, paints and printing inks, and also oxidic layer systems" (pg 31, line 45, to pg 32, line 2) (emphasis added).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection.

For the reasons discussed above, and in view of the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants submit that all now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and passage of this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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